

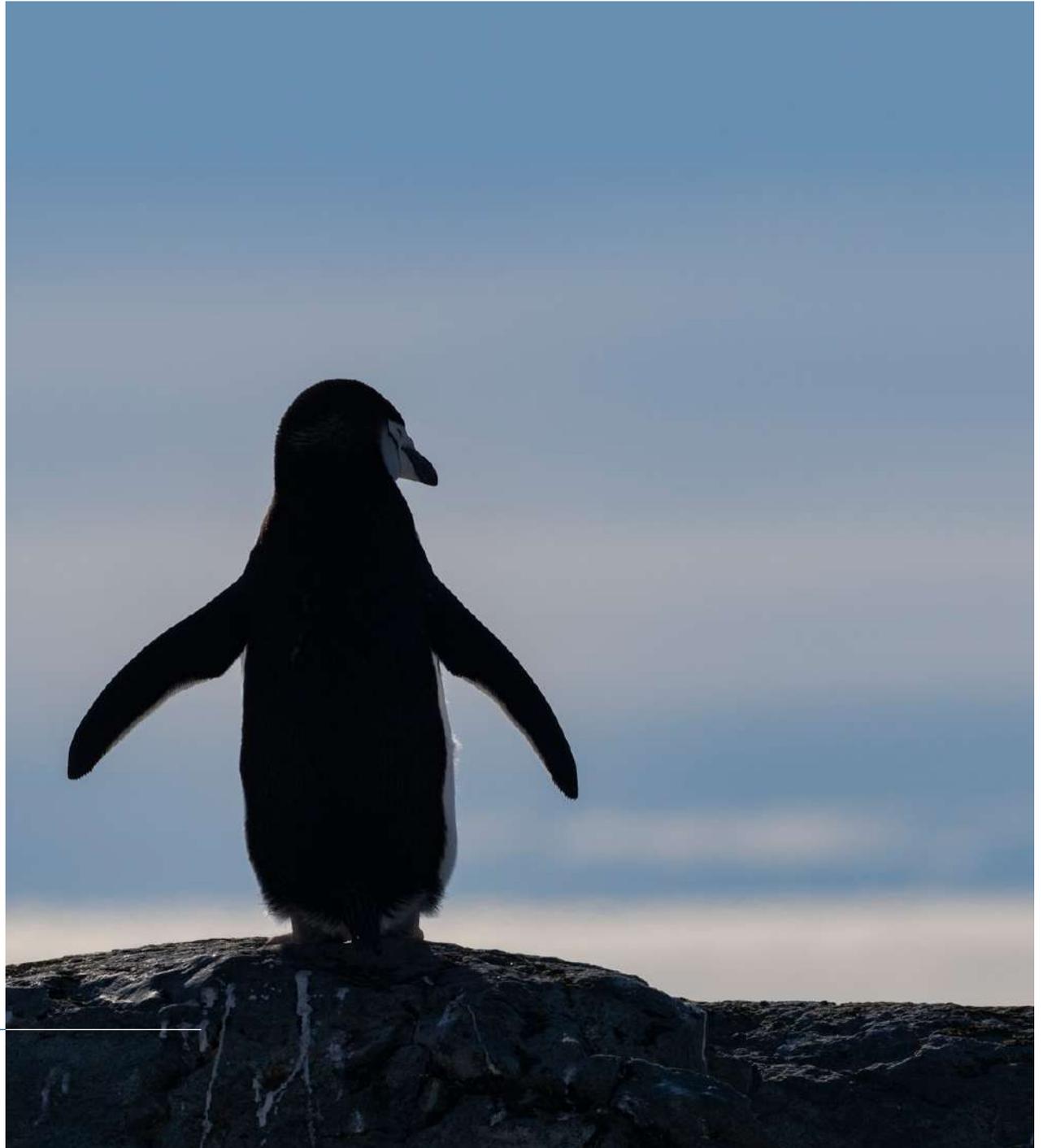
Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 19 December 2024 – 7 January 2025



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Ushuaia

DAY 1 | Thursday 19 December 2024

Latitude:

54° 51.1' S

Longitude:

68° 05.5' W

Course:

109°

Speed:

12.4 knots

Wind Speed:

6/7 knots SW

Barometer:

1004 hPa

Air Temp:

6°C

Today we are in the charming town of Ushuaia, 'the end of the world'. Some of us spent our morning leisurely exploring Ushuaia before making our way to the optional catamaran cruise in the afternoon. Many of us enjoyed sailing through the Beagle Channel towards the city's iconic Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, where we observed local wildlife against panoramic views of the surrounding mountain range.

Upon our arrival at the wharf, members of the Expedition Team greeted us and accompanied us on foot along the pier to the ship. After a brief walk, we found ourselves standing in front of the *Greg Mortimer*. First, we met our Expedition Leader, Isabelle, Assistant Expedition

Leader, Nicole, followed by Onboard Expedition Manager, Samantha, and Expedition Photographer, Scott, who checked us off and took a memorable photo for the photo board.

Once on board, welcome refreshments awaited us in the Elephant Island Bar, then our hotel team helped us to navigate the decks to our cabins and settle us into our 'home away from home' for the next 20 days.

Together we total 101 Expeditioners from Australia (36), USA (25), China (13), UK (11), South Africa (2), Austria (2), Germany (2), Netherlands (2), India (1), Japan (1), Malaysia (1), Italy (1), Ecuador (1) New Zealand (1), Switzerland (1), Canada (1), along with 83 crew from all around the globe.



Drake Passage

DAY 2 | Friday 20 December 2024

Latitude:
56° 19.25' S
Longitude:
65° 50.1' W
Course:
162°
Speed:
11.6 knots

Wind Speed:
30 knots SW
Barometer:
1004 hPa
Air Temp:
4°C

Since the seas were a bit rocky, we decided to postpone the mandatory IAATO and biosecurity briefings until tomorrow, when hopefully things would be calmer. Instead, we were treated to a morning of education. First off, Marcos gave us an introduction to the geology of Antarctica, where we learned the story of the continent, dating back millions of years. Next, we learned about the Citizen Science program on board, along with the various projects we will conduct throughout the trip. It's a great opportunity to contribute to science and global research on climate, ecosystems, and beyond.

With perfect timing, Hannah presented her lecture on seabirds, which told us all about the very same species gliding past us. We learned about their adaptations, feeding and breeding habits, and collected some helpful tips on how to identify the birds soaring next to the ship.

Even though the atmosphere on board was a bit subdued because of the Drake, there was also a sense of anticipation; a shared understanding that we are on a journey to somewhere remote and largely unknown. It's a place that has captivated the imaginations of many people, and it feels like we are going to the end of the earth.



Drake Passage

DAY 3 | Saturday 21 December 2024

Latitude:
60° 10.7' S
Longitude:
63° 33.7' W

Course:
163°
Speed:
11.5 knots

Wind Speed:
E 4/5 knots
Barometer:
1022 hPa

Air Temp:
-1°C

The second day of our voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula continued to offer a light taste of a 'Drake shake' but by morning the seas were much kinder. By mid-afternoon, we were in a glorious and sunny 'Drake lake' condition. This day was our opportunity to embrace the IAATO and Zodiac briefings delivered in the lecture theatre. Isabelle provided a very informative lecture on the history and significance of IAATO, which included learning about the biosecurity protocols we use to protect the beautiful continent we are about to visit. We also learned the fundamentals of getting in and out of Zodiacs.

After another amazing lunch, Kelsey delivered a fascinating lecture on the history of Antarctica. This was a 'teaser',

as she provided a broad overview of the exploration of the continent, and gave us intriguing hints about some of the historical, and often gripping, lectures to come. This overview truly put the human fascination with Antarctica into perspective, and provided a wonderful insight into the naming of many of the places we will visit.

Some Expeditioners took advantage of the opportunity to visit the bridge, but most chose to study the open, glassy seas. The sea was very active with wildlife, and what a bounty was seen! Fin and humpback whales, black-browed and light-mantled albatrosses, cape petrels, antarctic petrels (uncommon to see!), southern fulmars, antarctic fur seals, chinstrap penguins, and a krill ball!



Mikkelsen Harbour & Palaver Point

DAY 4 | Sunday 22 December 2024

Latitude:
63° 56.2' S
Longitude:
60° 58.4' W

Course:
109°
Speed:
8 knots

Wind Speed:
4-6 knots SW
Barometer:
1023 hPa

Air Temp:
-1°C

The first stop was Mikkelsen Harbour, a beautiful little island at the southern end of Trinity Island. As we landed, moulting southern elephant seals and nonchalant gentoo penguins greeted us on the beach. The snow was soft and many of us sank down to our knees as we hiked our way up to watch the breeding colonies of gentoo penguins going at their antics, stealing rocks from one another and tending to their nests. To make things even better, we also had a couple of Weddell seals sleeping on the snow.

By the time we left, the clouds had all but disappeared and the wind was calm, giving beautiful conditions for our passage to Palaver Point. Then a surprise came our way: orcas! We all rushed out on deck and enjoyed a magic

moment watching a huge pod of around 30 orcas cruising along the Gerlache Strait. These were the small type-B orcas and for many of us, our first ever orca sighting.

We continued our passage, passing huge icebergs while being surrounded by snowcapped mountains in all directions. Our arrival at Palaver Point on Two Hummock Island was a little later due to the orca encounter, but this meant we got to enjoy a wonderful late afternoon visit, this time to a chinstrap penguin colony. Some of us tackled the hike up the steep snow slope to be rewarded with amazing views of Brabant Island across the channel, while others simply enjoyed the wonderful sight of the chinstrap penguins on their nests.







Chiriguano & Neko Harbour

DAY 5 | Monday 23 December 2024

Latitude:
64° 31.0' S
Longitude:
63° 28.7' W

Course:
321°
Speed:
3.2 knots

Wind Speed:
19 knots NE
Barometer:
1020 hPa

Air Temp:
-2°C

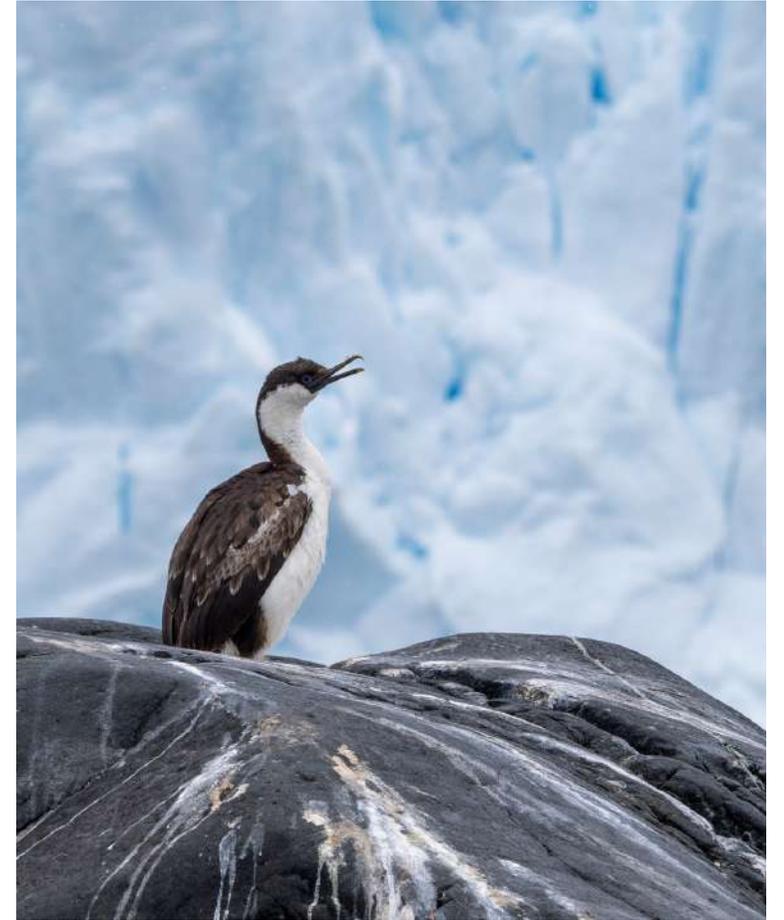
The morning's activities were diverse and exciting. Mike and Sylvia led the snowshoers up a rise to the southeast, while Liz, Tim and Rob guided their kayak group through brash ice in a sheltered cove. Scott took our photographers to capture the frozen landscape in its full glory, and Marcos, Nicole and Pat worked with the Citizen Science group to conduct a fjord-phyto survey, studying the phytoplankton concentration in the harbour.

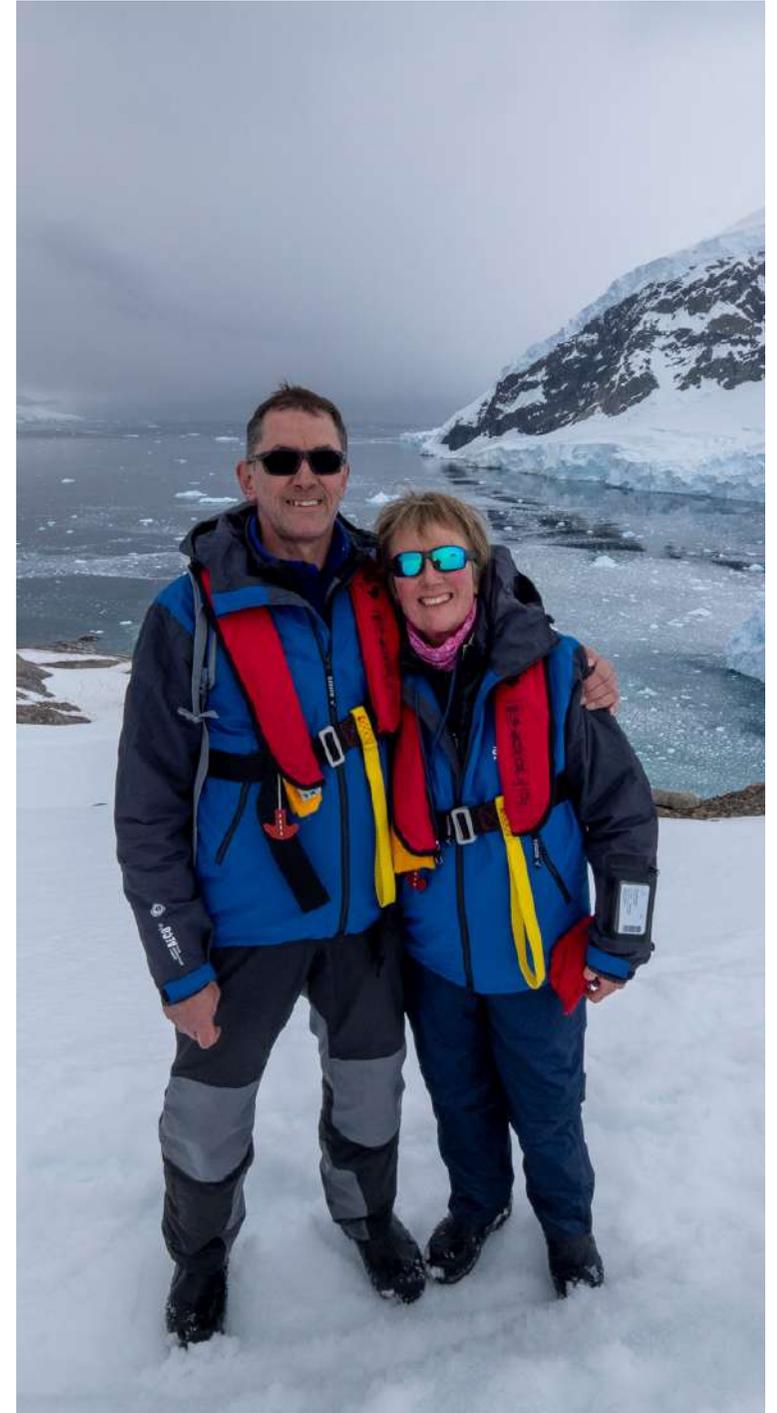
For those of us on a Zodiac cruise, it was an enchanting experience. We drifted slowly through the bay, listening to the ice brushing against the Zodiac's hull as we moved through the still waters. Our conversations were often interrupted by the rumbling and cracking of nearby

glaciers, occasional small avalanches tumbling from the cliffs, or the calls of gentoo penguins echoing from the water.

During lunch, we navigated choppy seas before arriving at Neko Harbour, where the waters calmed to perfection. Our afternoon marked a milestone—the first step onto the Antarctic continent. We were greeted by a lively colony of gentoo penguins, lining the beach and swimming just offshore. A gentle climb took us to a viewpoint overlooking the colony and the striking glacier that tumbled towards the sea. Penguins were busy tending to their eggs, stealing stones, and keeping watch for brown skuas flying overhead.







Charlotte Bay & Recess Cove

DAY 6 | Tuesday 24 December 2024

Latitude:
64° 31.4' S
Longitude:
61° 40.0' W
Course:
182°
Speed:
5.4 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots S
Barometer:
1005 hPa
Air Temp:
0°C

We began the day in Charlotte Bay, gliding through a thin layer of grease ice, a slushy reminder of winter.

Excitement grew as a call came over the PA system—an emperor penguin had been spotted on the ice to our port side. Seeing this rare visitor so far north of its typical range was thrilling, even for our experienced Expedition Team. As we watched the penguin, humpback whales appeared on the starboard side, adding to the magic of the morning.

We launched Zodiacs to explore the edge of the fast ice, and to our delight, we made a brief landing. Standing on a metre-thick layer of sea ice, knowing 200 metres of ocean

lay beneath, was a surreal experience. The morning ended with the ultimate Antarctic tradition: the polar plunge. With cheers from our new onboard family, several brave souls leaped into the icy waters, emerging with huge smiles and memories to last a lifetime.

In the afternoon, we explored Recess Cove, where humpback whales surprised and spoiled those on the zodiac cruise, while others took part in snowshoeing, snorkelling, and kayaking. For many, the highlight was a landing with a short walk to a viewpoint, offering stunning views of the surrounding icy landscape.





Hydrurga Rocks & At Sea

DAY 7 | Wednesday 25 December 2024

Latitude:
64° 30.7' S
Longitude:
60° 37.3' W

Course:
Drifting
Speed:
0.3 knots

Wind Speed:
5 knots W
Barometer:
1006 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

Christmas morning began with a beautiful, diffused light spilling over Bonev Peak. The crystal blues of the glacier were a captivating sight, reflecting the soft glinting rays of the early sunlight.

We set sail towards Hydrurga Rocks, filled with excitement for the day ahead. Before we had even finished our breakfast, a pod of 30 orcas swam past, their sleek bodies cutting through the water and brightening our day even further.

As we arrived at Hydruga Rocks, we were greeted by a misty, mysterious fog that added an air of intrigue to the already awe-inspiring scene. For half the excursion, we cruised among towering icebergs and surging reefs, feeling small in the face of nature's grandeur. The other half was spent walking among the noisy, rickety chinstrap penguin

colonies, with a few Weddell seals lounging lazily on the snow, soaking up the winter sun.

By mid-afternoon, our marvellous game show host, Liz, called everyone down to the theatre for some light-hearted fun. Her teaser reviews promised excitement: 'It was better than we thought it would be!' 'How Big Is It?' returned bigger and more thrilling than ever, with teams racking up krillions of points. There was much dancing, merriment, and, of course, a healthy dose of judge bribery. The event even concluded with a never-before-seen penguin conga line, much to everyone's delight.

The evening wrapped up with Christmas carols with Samantha, Pel and Wendy in the bar, followed by a scrumptious dinner.







At Sea & Point Wild

DAY 8 | Thursday 26 December 2024

Latitude:
61° 47.1' S

Longitude:
55° 50.9' W

Course:
042°

Speed:
13.5 knots

Wind Speed:
30 knots WNW

Barometer:
1004 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

The day kicked off with a captivating lecture by Kelsey, our historian, who brought the dramatic tale of Shackleton's transantarctic expedition to life. With vivid details, she recounted the harrowing survival story of the *Endurance* crew, one of history's greatest feats of resilience and determination.

In the morning, we sailed with the towering, glaciated peaks of Elephant Island on our port side, accompanied by the breathtaking sight of enormous tabular icebergs. The excitement grew as we spotted dozens of whales in the waters — humpback whales and the impressive fin whales, the second-largest whales in the world. Also during the morning, many of us ventured into the heart of the vessel — the *Greg Mortimer's* bridge.

By lunchtime, we finally arrived at Point Wild, a place steeped in history. It was here that Frank Wild, along with 21 other men, endured the harsh Antarctic weather, waiting for Shackleton's promised return after his epic crossing to South Georgia. Then came the highlight of the day — an exhilarating Zodiac cruise to get closer to Point Wild! As we bobbed in the swells and felt the power of the crashing waves, we gained a new perspective on the monumental struggle Shackleton and his crew faced. The experience was truly unforgettable, a living testament to human perseverance in one of the planet's most extreme environments.





Scotia Sea

DAY 9 | Friday 27 December 2024

Latitude:
59° 09.4' S
Longitude:
50° 22.2' W
Course:
048°
Speed:
13.7 knots

Wind Speed:
8 knots W
Barometer:
1015 hPa
Air Temp:
3°C

The morning began with an insightful lecture from Pat on the seals of the Southern Ocean. From the impressive size of elephant seals to the hunting prowess of leopard seals, Pat painted a vivid picture of the adaptations and behaviours that enable these remarkable animals to thrive in such an extreme environment.

Later, Mike, our alpine guide, delivered an inspiring talk titled 'Science and Adventure in Antarctica: A Field Guide's Perspective'. Sharing stories from his experiences in the polar regions, Mike gave us a glimpse into the unique challenges and rewards of exploring and studying these remote frontiers.

The afternoon offered a hands-on learning experience during a phytoplankton workshop led by Pat, Hannah and Marcos. We delved into the hidden world of phytoplankton and zooplankton, the microscopic organisms that underpin the entire Southern Ocean ecosystem. It was fascinating to see how these tiny creatures hold such immense importance for Antarctic life.

Hannah returned later with a lecture on 'Penguins: Flightless Wonders'. She shared captivating stories about these iconic birds, from their underwater agility to their social interactions on land. Her passion for penguins left everyone eager for our upcoming encounters in South Georgia.



Scotia Sea

DAY 10 | Saturday 28 December 2024

Latitude:
55° 50.1' S
Longitude:
42° 21.4' W
Course:
052°
Speed:
13.5 knots

Wind Speed:
24 knots WSW
Barometer:
1024 hPa
Air Temp:
4°C

In the morning, it was time for a complete rest. We were enjoying this day at sea to the fullest and taking the time to wake up at our own pace. This morning was punctuated by a variety of lectures, the first one about the geology of South Georgia.

We then attended a second lecture, this one dealing with a subject more difficult to hear about (though necessary): the era of the whalers. Soon we would arrive in South Georgia, and it is important to realise the immense conservation work that has been done on these lands and at sea to restore this place to its unique character as a sanctuary for Southern Ocean wildlife.

After lunch, it was time for our important afternoon rendezvous: the second biosecurity of the trip. It is essential to protect the unique place we're visiting as much as we can, and that means making sure we don't bring any alien organic matter with us.

Finally, in the late afternoon, we all gathered in the lecture theatre to talk more deeply about what's going to happen in South Georgia, what precautions we'll have to take, and how incredible it will be! We could feel the excitement building among guests and guides alike, and we hardly believed it was about to begin: that by tomorrow morning we would wake up and be in South Georgia!



St Andrews Bay & Grytviken

DAY 11 | Sunday 29 December 2024

Latitude:
54° 17.3' S
Longitude:
36° 07.9' W
Course:
146°
Speed:
8.5 knots

Wind Speed:
13 knots NE
Barometer:
1017 hPa
Air Temp:
6°C

Literally thousands of king penguins welcomed us upon arrival at St Andrews Bay. This magnificent place is home to not only South Georgia's largest king penguin colony, but it is the largest in the world, and also one of the busiest elephant seal breeding beaches on the island. The many fur seals are countless too. During our time on the beach and in the valley, we felt overwhelmed by the unbelievable density of wildlife surrounding us. It felt like we had entered a natural history documentary.

After a delicious lunch followed by an informative briefing from the representatives of the museum at Grytviken, we quickly dressed up and eagerly got back into the Zodiacs.

At the landing site in Grytviken, we were again welcomed by numerous fur seals, and also by several adorable pups. Founded in 1904, the old buildings that remain today at Grytviken remind us of the history of one of the largest whaling stations on the world. The museum and post office quickly became popular as we explored the area, which is the largest settlement on South Georgia. The church was also well worth the visit. The green valley behind the church called for a lovely hike for some. In memory of the grand, fearless adventurers who preceded us, we rounded off the day with a toast at Shackelton's grave. What a mind-blowing and eventful day we had!





Hercules Bay, Godthul & Fortuna Bay

DAY 12 | Monday 30 December 2024

Latitude:
54° 07.9' S
Longitude:
36° 32.3' W

Course:
301°
Speed:
6.8 knots

Wind Speed:
13 knots ESE
Barometer:
1023 hPa

Air Temp:
2°C

Hercules Bay provided stunning scenery in the early morning light as well as a plethora of wild animals, from the fur seals playing in the kelp beds, to the giant petrels bobbing in the clear blue water.

Godthul offered up a very similar platter of wildlife, impressive rock formations and marine life. Fun fact about the bull kelp clinging to the rock banks: the indigenous people of New Zealand used to cut down the honeycomb centre to make large bags. These bags could be used to carry fresh water long distances, or were stuffed with some form of bird or fish and cooked on an open fire for an

added seaweedy flavour. Other than kelp, we saw all kinds of wildlife in the bay – lots of teenage fur seals chasing each other with a few fully grown blokes resting up from a big mating season.

Next on the busy agenda we found ourselves at Fortuna Bay, a mega king penguin colony. This is where we had a few options. Some athletes followed in Shackleton's footsteps and hiked their way to a viewpoint through the tussock and mobs of fur seals, while others scrambled along the beach observing the always curious king penguins on the beach.





Ocean Harbour & Jason Harbour

DAY 13 | Tuesday 31 December 2024

Latitude:
54° 34.4' S
Longitude:
36° 48.9' W

Course:
224°
Speed:
6.1 knots

Wind Speed:
30 knots W
Barometer:
1023 hPa

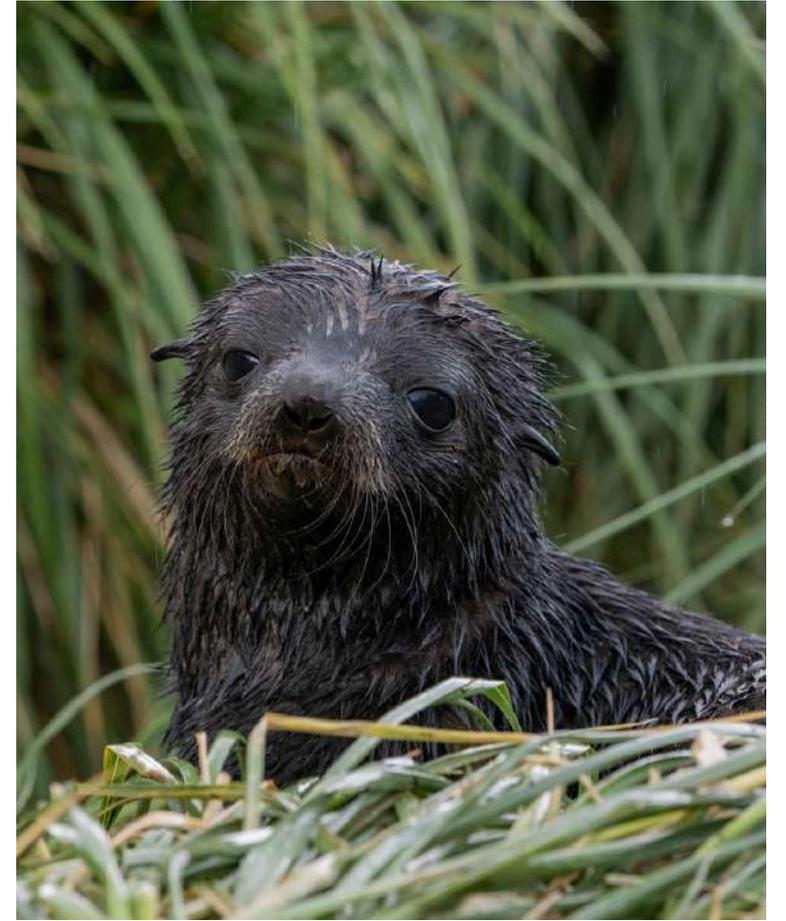
Air Temp:
8°C

Ocean Harbour is a beautiful natural harbour, but also a striking visual reminder of the whaling industry in South Georgia. As we entered the bay, our Zodiacs gently veered to avoid clumps of kelp. To our port side, on the hill, crosses marked the graves of mostly unknown whalers. Close to shore, the whaling ship Bayard rested on the shallow sand, seemingly accepting of its fate to be eventually consumed by the sea. Once ashore, we enjoyed a short walk to a whaling shed and observed fur seals snoozing or playing on the beach. Elephant seals were also trying to rest in the midst of the fur seal chaos. Some of the more adventurous among us walked across a river up to a viewpoint.

In the afternoon we landed at Jason Harbour, which lies on the northwestern shore of Cumberland West Bay. The landing spot was very sheltered, and the beach was a hive of activity; mostly male fur seals overseeing their harems. A short walk took us through some tussock onto rocks that led to a lagoon. A large elephant seal was resting in the tussock, so we kept a respectful distance en route to the lagoon.

As we returned to the ship, the sun shone beautifully on Mount Paget in the distance – perfectly timed for the group photo on deck 8!







Leith Harbour & At Sea

DAY 14 | Wednesday 1 January 2025

Latitude:
54° 08.6' S
Longitude:
36° 32.3' W
Course:
292°
Speed:
5.6 knots

Wind Speed:
30 knots NNW
Barometer:
1021 hPa
Air Temp:
8°C

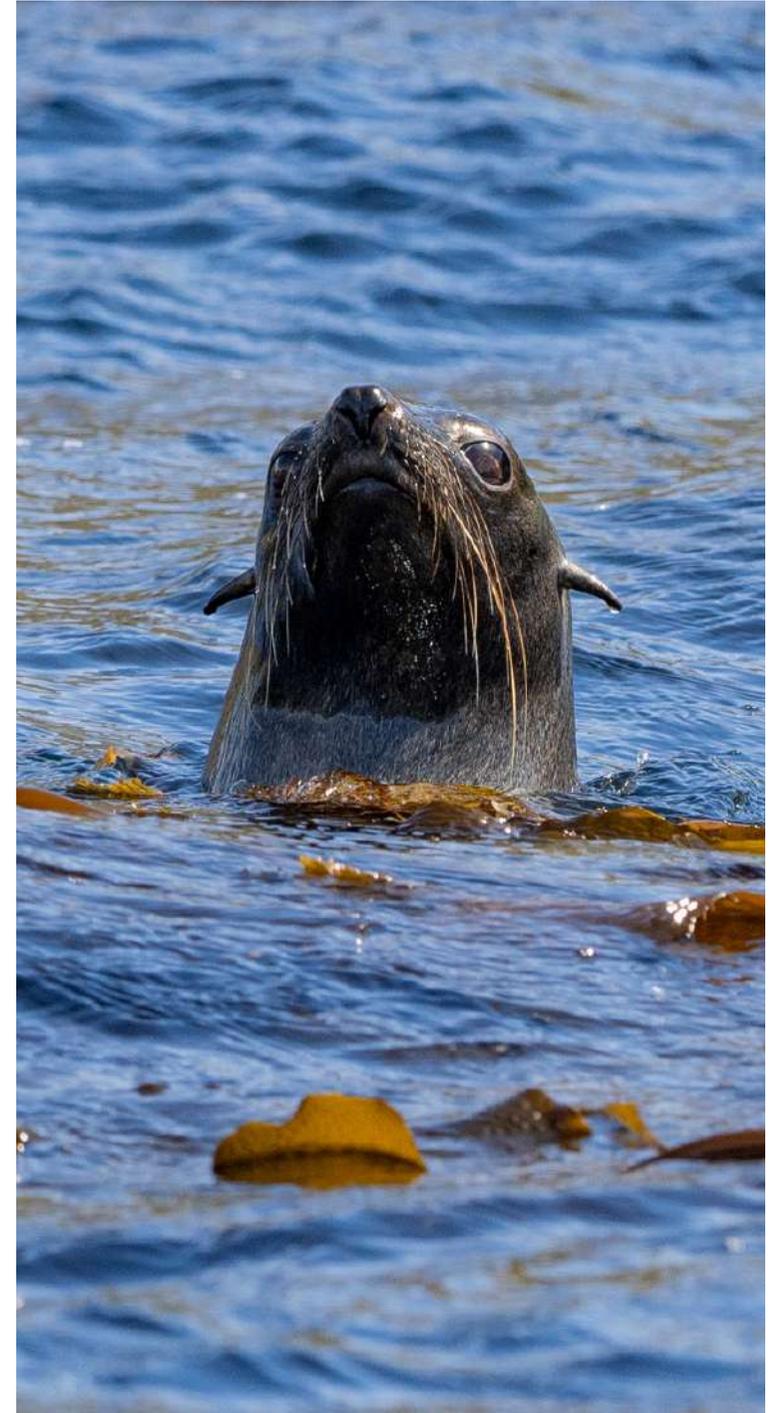
Our first stop took us to the shore, where we encountered the playful and sometimes feisty antarctic fur seals. It was fascinating to watch the males bickering along the beach while the females worked hard to protect their pups. Young seals wandered in search of their mothers, calling out in their distinctive bleats as they moved through the colony.

The waters close to shore were dominated by thick, vibrant kelp forests. As we steered our Zodiacs through the swaying kelp, we looked down into the crystal-clear blue water, spotting seals gliding gracefully among the kelp fronds. It was awe-inspiring to think that this massive kelp can grow up to 50 centimetres a day, as we glimpsed its holdfasts anchored deep on the seafloor.

The remnants of the whaling era were starkly visible along the shoreline — rusted, twisted metal and crumbling buildings marked the site of an old whaling station. This was once a bustling hub, with around 300 men working here seasonally. As we passed, we tried to imagine the sounds and sights of its heyday, now silent but still hauntingly visible in the decaying structures.

After our exploration of Leith Harbour, we turned our attention back to the sea. We spent the rest of the day cruising alongside South Georgia's dramatic coastline, with clear skies and ample opportunities to observe penguin colonies, glaciers tumbling into the sea, and an array of seabirds circling the ship.





Full Day at Sea En Route to Falklands~Malvinas

DAY 15 | Thursday 2 January 2025

Latitude:
53° 07.8' S
Longitude:
42° 45.6' W

Course:
280°
Speed:
13.5 knots

Wind Speed:
14 knots NW
Barometer:
1031 hPa

Air Temp:
4°C

The morning gave the opportunity to attend lectures and learn more about this amazing region we have been exploring. Pat kicked off the morning with a lecture on the fisheries of Antarctica and he was very appreciative of all the great questions asked at the end.

To follow up, we had a great lecture from Liam on the beauty and physics of light (and freaking laser beams!) and how we can appreciate it more through photography and by simply looking closer at the environment around us. Many of us certainly walked away from the lecture with new knowledge and appreciation for the finer aspects of the light that we see.

As the afternoon approached, the fog lifted and it was time for some of us to get involved in Citizen Science activities. What a great way to contribute to scientific knowledge as well as learn more about the various topics covered by each project. Marcos shared his excellent knowledge of the clouds first up in the cloud survey, followed by Hannah's eBird survey alongside Pat's seaweed raft watch (sadly, no seaweed today!). The eBird survey saw us spotting some new species for the voyage, including sooty and great shearwaters as well as soft-plumaged petrels.

We also finally found out about some of the more intricate workings of the *Greg Mortimer*, with lectures from both chief engineer, Dimitar and hotel manager, Alex.





Full Day at Sea En Route to Falklands~Malvinas

DAY 16 | Friday 3 January 2025

Latitude:
52° 20.6' S
Longitude:
50° 47.8' W

Course:
280°
Speed:
13.1 knots

Wind Speed:
13 knots S
Barometer:
1023 hPa

Air Temp:
7°C

After breakfast, we once again had the possibility to visit the bridge, followed by the first lecture of the day, which was with Kelsey and Morgan, who taught us about the human history of the Falkland Islands. Filled with information from the island's early years, it was then time for another sea bird survey out on deck. Eight different species were observed, among them a big wandering albatross, which quickly became an attraction. How amazing it was to observe this huge bird, with a wingspan of up to 3.5 metres, so effortlessly flying behind the ship.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed, followed by a small nap for some of us, before it was time for more adventurous

stories as next up in the lecture theatre was Mike, who shared his experiences about climbing Mount Vinson, the highest mountain in Antarctica. What an incredible experience it must have been, an expedition some of us definitely got inspired to join.

Delicious hot waffles were served during the afternoon tea time, followed by an informative introduction lecture about the Falkland Islands by Marcos, Hannah and Pat, who talked about the Falklands' geology, marine life and numerous birds. Thereafter, some of us met up at the Tuscan Grill for a wine tasting with Raj, discovering how many delicious wines there are on board!



Stanley, Falkland Islands

DAY 17 | Saturday 4 January 2025

Latitude:
51° 39.6' S
Longitude:
57° 40.0' W

Course:
275°
Speed:
9.1 knots

Wind Speed:
18 knots S
Barometer:
1029 hPa

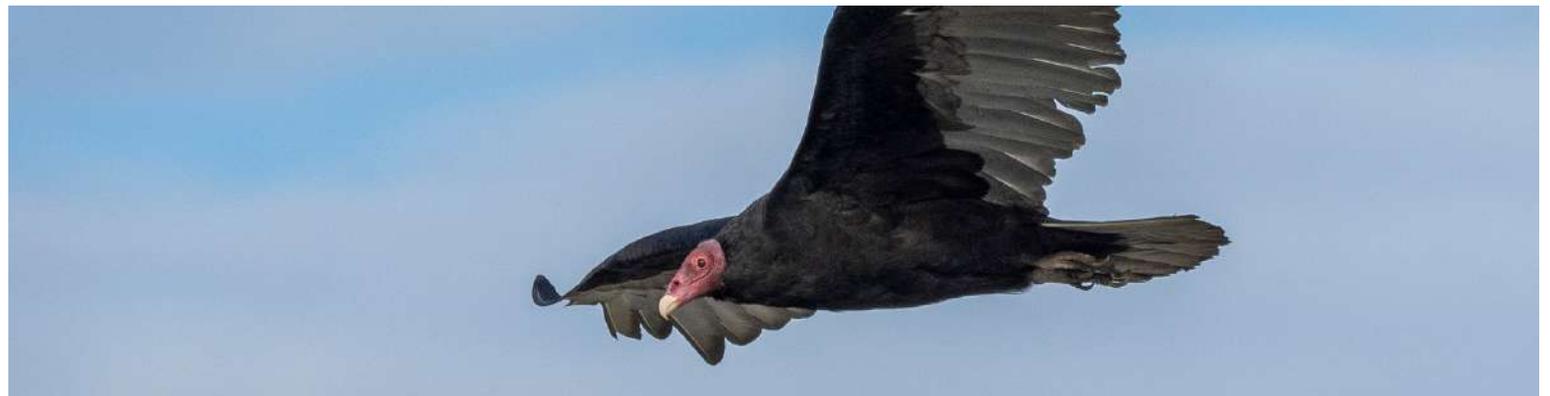
Air Temp:
9°C

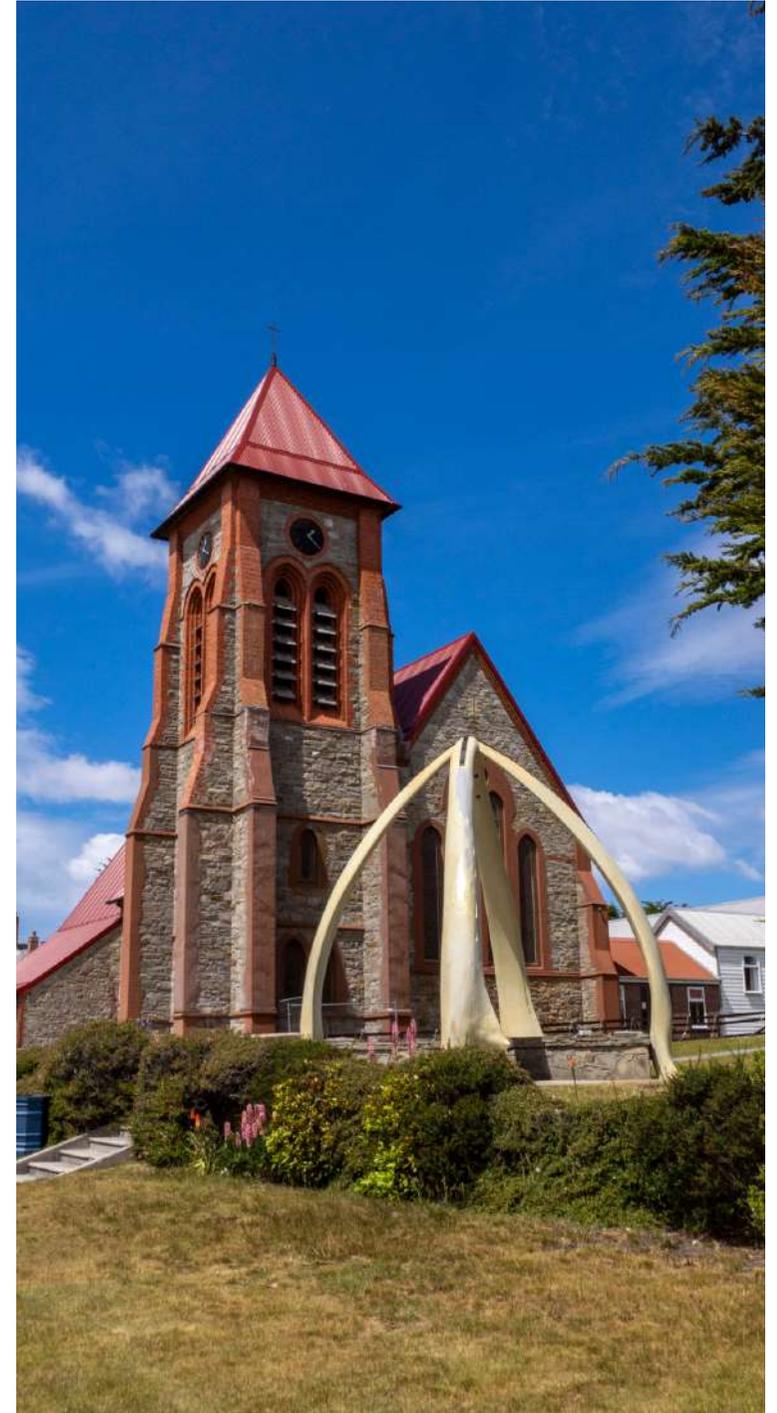
The first stop was Gypsy Cove, a serene stretch of coastline known for its scenic beauty and wildlife. As we made our way down the path to the beach, we were treated to the sight of a colony of Magellanic penguins. The birds waddled along the shore, their black-and-white plumage stark against the golden sands. Some penguins dipped into the turquoise waters, while others stood on the rocks, surveying their surroundings. Everybody was delighted observing the penguins' quirky behaviour, as well as other bird species, such as the powerful turkey vulture.

After a peaceful morning with the penguins, some of the group set off on the coastal walk towards Stanley. The light winds and rugged terrain made the hike pleasant,

with views of the rocky shore, gentle hills and scattered wildflowers. Upon reaching the town, many of us enjoyed a leisurely lunch together.

The afternoon allowed some free time, and many of us eagerly explored the local shops, full of handicrafts, wool garments and handmade ornaments. At 3.00pm, a group of us joined Scott for a guided tour around town, visiting the whalebone house, church and museum. At the museum, we learned about the rich and complex history of the archipelago. Many discovered that the Falklands had been a sleepy sheep settlement before the dispute between Britain and Argentina, leading to the Falklands War in 1982.





Saunders Island & West Point

DAY 18 | Sunday 5 January 2025

Latitude:
51° 12.1' S
Longitude:
060° 18.2' W

Course:
258°
Speed:
8.9 knots

Wind Speed:
20 knots NNW
Barometer:
1026 hPa

Air Temp:
10°C

We woke up to a calm morning at Saunders Island, a small northern island in West Falkland. On arrival, Biffo and Dave, the owners of the homestead for the past 66 years, greeted us with their two happy dogs.

From there, we spread out: some of us walked along the trail to see the rockhoppers and black-browed albatrosses, the sheep and the shags; others stood to watch the fluffy gentoo chicks flap their flippers in the air. Some of us walked the sandy beach, watching the surf and rising of the tide.

In the afternoon, we headed over to West Point for our last outing of the trip. We landed in a small bay and were welcomed by Kiki and Thies, who watch over the place. The afternoon was glittering with sun, and we walked

through rolling fields to the far side of the island. While wandering through the tussock grass, we got close-up views of nesting black-browed albatrosses, rockhopper penguins, and best of all: their chicks! The place was alive with birdcalls and the cries of chicks tucked underneath their parents.

The afternoon ended with a beautiful garden tea party hosted by Kiki and Thies, who shared an impressive spread of homemade cakes, biscuits and scones. We walked around the labyrinth of their garden, decorated with small and thoughtful details, the smell of chamomile blooming in the air. It was an incredibly special way to end our visit to these windswept, far-flung islands.





At Sea

DAY 19 | Monday 6 January 2025

Latitude:
53° 01.5' S
Longitude:
62° 54.0' W
Course:
215°
Speed:
11.3 knots

Wind Speed:
10 knots SW
Barometer:
1019 hPa
Air Temp:
10°C

Today is the last day of our voyage, and it has been much more than that. It feels like a lifetime ago that we were on the Antarctic Peninsula, watching glaciers calve, observing giant iceberg and small bergy bits. The transition past Point Wild on Elephant Island to South Georgia was a subtle yet profound shift, with more green, and more wildlife. And then there were the Falklands! What a gift of beauty and abundant life! It has also been a trip filled with reflection and consideration. The journey has given us a better understanding of the raw power, yet ultimate fragility, of these places and their inhabitants.

But now, on the last day of our journey, we shift our

thoughts again, this time towards our return to our home lives. The disembarkation briefing by Samantha prepared us for tomorrow's departure from the ship. Marcos gifted us with one more bit of geology, as we approach the Beagle Channel. Citizen Science wraps up, as do the kayak and snorkel programs, and in the evening, we are treated to Scott's slideshow and the Captain's farewell dinner. What a journey, indeed.

In the words of Robert Service:

"It's the beauty that fills me with wonder; it's the stillness that fills me with peace".

Ushuaia

DAY 20 | Tuesday 7 January 2025

Latitude:
54° 49.2' S
Longitude:
68° 14.8' W

Wind Speed:
0 knots
Barometer:
1027 hPa

Aurora Expeditions thanks you for joining us aboard *Greg Mortimer* to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula. We hope to see you on the high seas again some day!

Course:
280°
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5 knots

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8°C



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Polar Plunge





Snorkelling Log

Guides: Ania Baranek, Birgitta Mueck, Richard Devanney

22 December 2024, AM – Mikkelsen Harbour

We first make a landing on Bombay Island, where gentoo penguins welcome us upon arrival. After a lovely walk on the tiny island, it is time to head back to the Zodiacs to get ready for our first Antarctic snorkel; how exciting! As it is our first day, this will be our try-out snorkel to test the gear and how it feels to be in these icy cold waters. Our chosen snorkel spot is only a short Zodiac cruise from the landing spot. All geared up, we slowly enter the water from the Zodiacs one by one to make sure we all feel comfortable in the water. For many of us it is not only our first Antarctic snorkelling, but also our first drysuit experience. Underwater we see kelp and krill and a few lucky ones even get to see gentoo penguins underwater, just before getting back in the Zodiac.

22 December 2024, PM – Palaver Point

After spending an hour after lunch watching a large pod of orcas from the ship, we headed out on the Zodiacs for a short landing at Palaver Point, followed by a snorkel.

Once geared up, we slid off the Zodiac pontoon into the water, and spent time looking at the kelp on the seabed. There were quite a few chinstrap penguins on the rocks, and we spent some time watching them from the water, which gave a completely different perspective compared with watching them at the landing site.

The journey back to the ship was very short, and before we knew it, we were enjoying dinner with some great views of icebergs all around us.

Number of Snorkelling: 16

Total Outings: 8

Snorkellers:

Gwilym (Gwil) Hunt

Louise (Lou) Hunt

Sasha Miles

Leigh Miles

Hayley Peacock-Gower

Kai Gower

Yuting (TT) Chen

Ruijun (Ray) Ma

Terence (Terry) Smith

Rebecca Smith

Kenneth (Kenny) Zigler

Jaclyn Yuan

Jonathan (Jon) Morris

Qianhui (Phoenix) Xiong

Daniela Zitta

Laura (Valeria) Argudo Rivas

23 December 2024, PM – Neko Harbour

Our guides dropped us off at the landing site and went for a quick reccy, while we enjoyed our time with gentoo penguins – they are quite entertaining to watch, especially when they toddle on their 'penguin highways'! Once we returned to our snorkel boats, we were pleased to find out that we would go snorkelling just around the corner from the landing site, with plenty of penguins hopping into the water. This time, our guides dropped us in slightly deeper water than before, where we could test our swimming skills, play around with small bergy bits and observe the ice underwater, as well as enjoy the sight of penguins diving and propelling skilfully all around us; a few snorkellers managed to get a good footage of that. So far, it was the best snorkelling outing this voyage!

24 December 2024, PM – Recess Cove

We enjoyed a short landing at Recess Cove. The snorkel site was a small rocky beach on an island. The higher part of the island had a small cormorant colony. The smell was overpowering! The site was perfect for snorkelling, as it had no ocean swell.

The snorkelling was fantastic - the water clarity was very good and we could see to the seabed - approximately 8 metres' visibility.

As we snorkelled, eight gentoo penguins swam around us, moving gracefully from snorkeller to snorkeller! They then hauled out onto the beach, and we realised that two of the penguins were actually Adélie's – fascinating to see them tagging along with a different species; safety in numbers!

30 December 2024, AM – Godthul

Today's snorkelling is at Godthul, a lovely, well-sheltered cove-like bay surrounded by picturesque mountains. Dressed in our drysuits, we first did a little Zodiac cruise to watch the abundant wildlife from above. We found a nice spot for our activity and eagerly got ready to get in the water. As we entered the water, we saw impressive giant kelp and it didn't take long before several curious fur seals appeared to have a closer look. These agile creatures are so much fun to watch and there are more and more seals coming to have a look on us. Time flies, as we are having such a great time in the water, but in the end, we need to get out to warm up a bit and head back to the ship. Godthul means 'good hole' in Norwegian and we agree 100%; such an epic snorkel we have just had in this amazing spot!

31 December 2024, AM – Ocean Harbour

The water was clear, and the bay was well sheltered from the swell. First we enjoyed a short landing, and the scenery of this place. Our guides managed to find a great site to snorkel; however, the wind was picking up, funnelling through the fjord, with gusts over 30 knots. We weren't sure if we would get a chance to get in the water, when we heard that the landing site was closing, and the shore party was bringing all Expeditioners back to the ship. But the water was just too tempting, and as we were only four brave snorkellers today, our guides decided we'll give it a quick go. It was short and sweet, maybe only 10 minutes in the water, but well worth it, as we swam among giant kelp forests, in deeper water, with playful fur seals all around us. Definitely an outing to remember!



01 January 2025, AM – Leith Harbour

We began the outing with a short Zodiac cruise on the northwestern shore of Leith Harbour. As we put on our fins, hoods and gloves, the noise from the fur seals on the shore seemed to increase.

Once we got in the water, curiosity got the better of the fur seals, and we were approached numerous times by males and females. We had to be mindful to give them space and allow them access to and from the shore, but they were so quick and graceful in the water, the best tactic was to stay still, close to the edge of clumps of seaweed, and hold our cameras in front of us.

5 January 2025, AM – Saunders Island

After a short landing to walk to the penguin colonies, we headed back into the Zodiac to commence our final snorkel. The chosen spot was very close to the landing beach, and offered the best shelter from the prevailing wind.

The visibility was very good. We were able to see the bottom and observe limpets, sea stars, and some salp. An inquisitive steamer duck also swam towards us while its comrades watched us from a safe distance on the rocks.

The water temperature in the Falklands is considerably more temperate than on the Antarctic Peninsula, about 12 degrees Celsius, so we were able to stay in the water for a little longer than usual.







Snowshoeing Log

Guides: Sylvia Forest and Mike Roberts

22 December 2024, AM –
Mikkelsen Harbour, Tetrad
Island

For most folks this was their first time using snowshoes - the most challenging part being getting them strapped on correctly! After a quick 'how-to clinic' we were underway and did a circuit of the snow plateau that dominates this small island. Tetrad Island is a crevasse-free islet and so we did not need to rope-up for glacier travel, perfect for our first outing. Our route travelled near a rock outcrop that was a nesting site for numerous blue-eyed shags. The views from the top of the island towards Gerlache Strait were spectacular, inviting us onwards, to explore deeper into Antarctic Peninsula.

22 December 2024, PM –
Palaver Point, Two Hummock
Island

We did an alternative landing from the main group to a small peninsula. This was our first time roping-up for glacier travel, a new skill and experience for most. With seven folks connected to one rope and six the other, we slowly walked up the hill towards the towering cliffs that form the west side of Buache Peak. The team did well managing the rope without anyone tripping. From our high point everyone was full of appreciation for the blue-sky day that offered great views towards mountainous Brabant Island. There were a few moments of hilarity – or was that terror? – as everyone worked out how to descend in snowshoes on soft, wet snow.



Number of Snowshoers: 11

Total Outings: 6

Snowshoers:

Leanne (Larnie) Stanford

Glendon (Glen) Stanford

Joanne (Jo) Hay

Roger Steele

James (Brian) Art

Rosalyn Art

Francesco Di Cosmo

Sue Cooper

Simon Parker

Jennifer (Jen) Williams

Alexandria (Alex) Williams

23 December 2024, AM – Chiriguano Island

Our first challenge of the day after landing on a small rocky outcrop, was getting up a slope that had frozen in the cold morning air. It was out with the ice axe, which was put to good use, cutting steps. Saul, the Zodiac Master, was with us and helped shlep the duffels of snowshoes up to a level platform we kicked into the snow. Then it was snowshoes on, and we were off, enjoying the freedom of unroped travel in this remote enclave. This was a fun outing, circumnavigating the small island and taking in the beauty of ice-clad inlets, trying to capture the light, unique shapes and colours by camera. The *Greg Mortimer* was barely visible, looking like a ghostly apparition in the mist. Wildlife viewing included gentoo penguins, a nesting brown skua, Weddell seals, giant petrels and a flock of kelp gulls.

23 December 2024, PM – Neko Harbour

On landing, we had to delicately manoeuvre around the many gentoo penguins whose home we were entering. At this stage some folks got so enamoured with these magnificent little creatures that they decided to forgo snowshoeing.

Initially we boot-packed, carrying our snowshoes up the main trail through the penguin rookery. After gaining height we strapped our snowshoes on and put them to good use, packing the trail to a spectacular viewpoint that all folks on the main landing could climb to.

It was then time to rope up for the climb up the broad glaciated ridge. The team did great and were exhilarated with the views. It was satisfying to gain 200 vertical metres in such a picturesque location.

24 December 2024, PM – Meusnier Point, Danco Coast

Our snowshoe exploration from Meusnier Point, turned out to be an extraordinary humpback whale watching experience. The entire time we were snowshoeing, humpbacks could be heard surfacing and seen feeding in the tranquil waters, in multiple different locations. And it just kept going!

As some will remember, rain-saturated snow made for some tricky moments as we traversed a slope above the coastline – it was hard not to slide out of the tracks! Then it was time to rope-up for glacier travel, which proceeded much quicker now the team had familiarity with this technique. Slowly we gained height up a large open slope to a high point, near an open crevasse. Descent was all about whale watching while not tripping on the rope. A snowshoe to remember!

25 December 2024, AM – Two Hummock Island

Our final snowshoe outing started by boot-packing up the initial steep slope to more moderate angle terrain, where we put snowshoes on and roped up. Dense fog shrouded the island and made route-finding challenging. A fleeting clearance revealed the Two Hummocks for just long enough to lure us onwards.

After a while, when visibility did not improve, we decided to call it off and head back down - safety first. Despite being cut short, those who elected for a Christmas Day snowshoe enjoyed the outing. During our return to the ship, we did a Zodiac exploration along the icy shores of Two Hummock Island and then Hydrurga Rocks, where we watched the antics of chinstrap penguins and a distant humpback.





Kayaking Log

Kayak Guides: Liz MacNeil, Tim Vanhoutteghem, Rob Barth

22 December 2024, AM – Mikkelsen Harbour 5kms

Our first time on the water!! After many, many briefings and informative chats we finally got to put our skills to use. Most of the kayak entrances went pretty well, so after we had everyone on the water and set up in their boats it was mission on. We started with a warm-up stretch across to Seal Island, where we saw a few penguins. Once we were warmed up it was another leg across to where we saw many more penguins as well as whalebones and the remains of a whaling tender. After we circumnavigated the island it was onwards to the next spot, where we encountered a bit of wind and waves to get the blood pumping. Once we found shelter behind an iceberg it was back on the Zodiac and ship for a nice hot chocolate.

22 December 2024, PM – Palaver Point 2.4 kms

The weather was nice and calm for our afternoon paddle in Palaver Point. We drove with our Zodiacs closer to the shoreline, where we launched for a small round towards Palaver Point. We paddled between and around some beautifully shaped icebergs, bathing in the sunlight. We got to spot our first chinstrap penguins by the shore at Palaver Point. After this we paddled around, and got a small glimpse of a humpback whale before we went back into our Zodiacs. We also had a look southeast towards the main Antarctic Peninsula, our destination for the coming days!

Number of Kayakers: 20

Total Paddle Outings: 15

Total Distance Paddled: 55.7 km

Kayakers:

Thomas Risse

Chet Taylor

Tom Crvenkovic

Ros Johannesen

Malcolm Scarr

Sabine Ruff

Bernhard Gravenkamp

Mark Hunt

Helen Hunt

Tristan Miles

Colleen Neth

Hans Neth

Leslie Howatt

Glyn Lawcock

Libby Roy

Phil LeVine

Andy Kennard

Michelle Perrin

Liam Minagall

Sonia Foo

23 December 2024, AM – Chiriguano Bay 3 kms

The theme for today was ice. We saw almost every type of iceberg imaginable. We began with a paddle through some slushy brash ice, which was an experience in itself. Bumping our way through the slush we took a moment to soak up the silence and listen to the sounds of Antarctica. After a quick view of some gentoo penguins it was on to the next type of iceberg. We had a huge tabular iceberg that had bumped into a huge pinnacle iceberg, creating a handy contrast between the two types. As the wind came up it was time to get off the water before we got too cold.

23 December 2024, PM – Neko Harbour 3 km

Neko Harbour is a favourite spot to paddle, with a very active glacier and large mountains surrounding the bay. Its very scenic while also being

a hub for some whale action. So the plan was go to for a loop through an iceberg graveyard and have a look for some whales. Conditions were glassy so it was a beautiful paddle through the icebergs with even a bit of sun poking through, but no whales. Thats okay, though; we knew there would be plenty more opportunity to see whales from the kayak. We finished the paddle with enough time for a quick landing to tick off the continent and see quite a few gentoos.

24 December 2024, AM – Charlotte Bay 2.5kms

In the stillness of Charlotte Bay, we paddled along the edge of the fast ice, navigating our kayaks through the lazy ice floes. With leopard and crabeater seals in the distance, we parked our bows onto the ice and watched through the distortion of tiny snowflakes swirling around us. The snow softened the vast landscape as

we dipped our paddles into the glassy waters, sending ripples through its mirror-like surface. The serenity was profound as each stroke carried us deeper into the untamed magic of Antarctica, where nature's harshness felt strangely tender. Back on the Zodiacs and at full speed, we made our way onto the sea ice, where 200 metres of water flowed below us... such an amazing morning!

24 December 2024, PM – Recess Cove 4kms

We had a strong start to the excursion: a couple of humpback whales passed right in front of the whole group. We also saw some more distant whales lunge-feeding and playing as we paddled closer to shore and one of the most amazing iceberg fields we'd ever seen. We meandered our way through the icebergs, taking in the different shape and size of every individual berg, as well as the very active glacier

towering over all of it. After checking out the bay we made our way over to a small island for a private landing on one of the small beaches. Once everyone was safely ashore, Liz busted out the hot choccies and we had a nice hot, sweet treat to warm us up. With the wind picking up, it was time to jump back in the kayaks and get out to the Zodiacs before it got too chilly.

25 December 2024, AM – Hydrurga Rocks 3kms

After our Christmas celebration and a beautiful night out camping for some of us, it was time for our traditional Christmas Day paddle! Hydrurga Rocks is a true kayaker's paradise, and with some swell and more dynamic paddling conditions going on, we were promised a fun and exciting morning outing in our beloved kayaks! After a Zodiac shuttle to the western, more wave-



sheltered side, we dropped in our kayaks and started an anti-clockwise loop around the island. We saw our first elephant seal, and also spotted a lonely Adélie penguin between the chinstraps! Paddling around, close to the rocks with some wave dynamics going on, with bergy bits and growlers being moved around by the waves, we could truly appreciate the raw but fun power of the Southern Ocean swells.

29 December 2024, AM – St Andrews Bay 2.8 km

Welcome to South Georgia! St Andrews Bay is the largest king penguin colony in the world and we have conditions to kayak! What a treat! With many choosing to go onshore, seven of us launched in our kayaks without knowing what to expect. Following Liz around the corner, the sights were overwhelming... penguins, fur seals, elephant seals... everything

in the video was there, and in the thousands! Making our way around the bay, we saw from the water what many were viewing from shore... the congestion of wildlife with a spectacular glacial backdrop! As our paddle came to an end, we went to shore and took a walk among the royalty. A very memorable paddle session, indeed... or we may even say, mind-blowing!

30 December 2024, AM – Godthul 3.6 km

Arriving in Godthul, we were very lucky with the calmer than usual weather conditions. Our kayak guides were very excited, because this meant we could go for a bigger plan today. We split into two groups, some of us were on the more sightseeing photo tour, while others went for the outer coastline and cave exploration tour. The sightseeing kayak group spend plenty of time kayaking close to the shoreline and watching all the fur seals, pups, elephant seal

weaners and king penguins. The longer tour started off with some coastal paddling to be able to see the wildlife; after this we went out in some more dynamic conditions, following the rocky coastline outside of Godthul. This was finished off going one by one into a small, impressive channel-cave under the supervision of our kayak guides.

30 December 2024, PM – Fortuna Bay 3.2 km

Fortuna Bay was absolutely stunning for our kayak trip. We started off exploring the main beaches with our Zodiacs, towing our kayaks behind. Then we headed off towards the headland on the northeast, where our guides spotted a truly scenic beach, with a patch of snow full of king penguins. On the way there, we spotted a beautiful waterfall, where we launched our kayaks. Some of us experienced the feeling of fresh water splashing down on them while floating in the ocean with their kayak.

Then we paddled along the beautiful exposed pebble beach coastline, which was full of seals and king penguins.

31 December 2024, AM – Ocean Harbour 1 km

This paddle was a short and sharp one. Once on the water we split into two groups and began exploring. Our group started with some fur seal viewing among the kelp beds and rocks but as we tried to round the corner, we had some funnelling wind pick up. This forced us to turn around and paddle back into a sheltered lagoon, where we got up close and personal with the wildlife. Some of us more than others. Meanwhile the other group had their heads in a cave and were exploring around the coast more. However, as those winds picked up and the beach party started leaving it was time to get off the water, so with a speedy evacuation we were back on the ship in no time.



PM: Jason Harbour 2 km

Jason Harbour was a gentle nature cruise along the coastline. We saw fur seal pups, elephant seals, king penguins and all kind of other seabirds. As we paddled along the coast it was a great chance to sit and watch all the different species interact in the small rock pools, especially the fur seal pups. Moving along the rocks we eventually made our way to the beach, which was also loaded with wildlife. By this point the sun decided to come out, making it quite a stunning day to say goodbye to 2024.

1st January 2025, AM: Leith Harbour 4 km

First paddle of 2025!!! We had a pretty good turn out for a morning operation on New Year's Day, so we made the most of it with an island circumnavigation. Starting on the sheltered side we made our way

along the coast, observing the fur seals and penguins hanging out on shore. After a while of battling through the kelp we rounded the corner and had a nice downwinder on our hands. The whole group surfed some wind swell and made the crossing to another wildlife-stacked beach, finishing off a great start to the year and an exhilarating paddle.

4th January 2025, AM: Stanley & Gypsy Cove 9.4 km

What a paddle to remember! We covered some distance, but let's start from the start. Paddling around the headland at Gypsy Cove, we found ourselves in a completely different environment to the ice of Antarctica. White, sandy beaches and crazy bull kelp covered the shores rather than glaciers. In terms of wildlife, we had three penguin species on one beach with gentoos, king and Magellanic penguins all hanging out. On top of that we had sea lions, shags, ducks

and herons on the coast too, with our personal marine biologist, Pat, there to tell us all about them too. From there we followed the beach until it got too warm for Pat, so he decided to bust a roll out his first time ever trying. Must have had a good instructor. Then we had some good rescue training too. From there it was out and across an open stretch to some islands loaded with wildlife, so we paddled around them with a slightly sporty option going on the seaward side. From there it was time to get out after paddling almost 10 kilometres! Good effort.

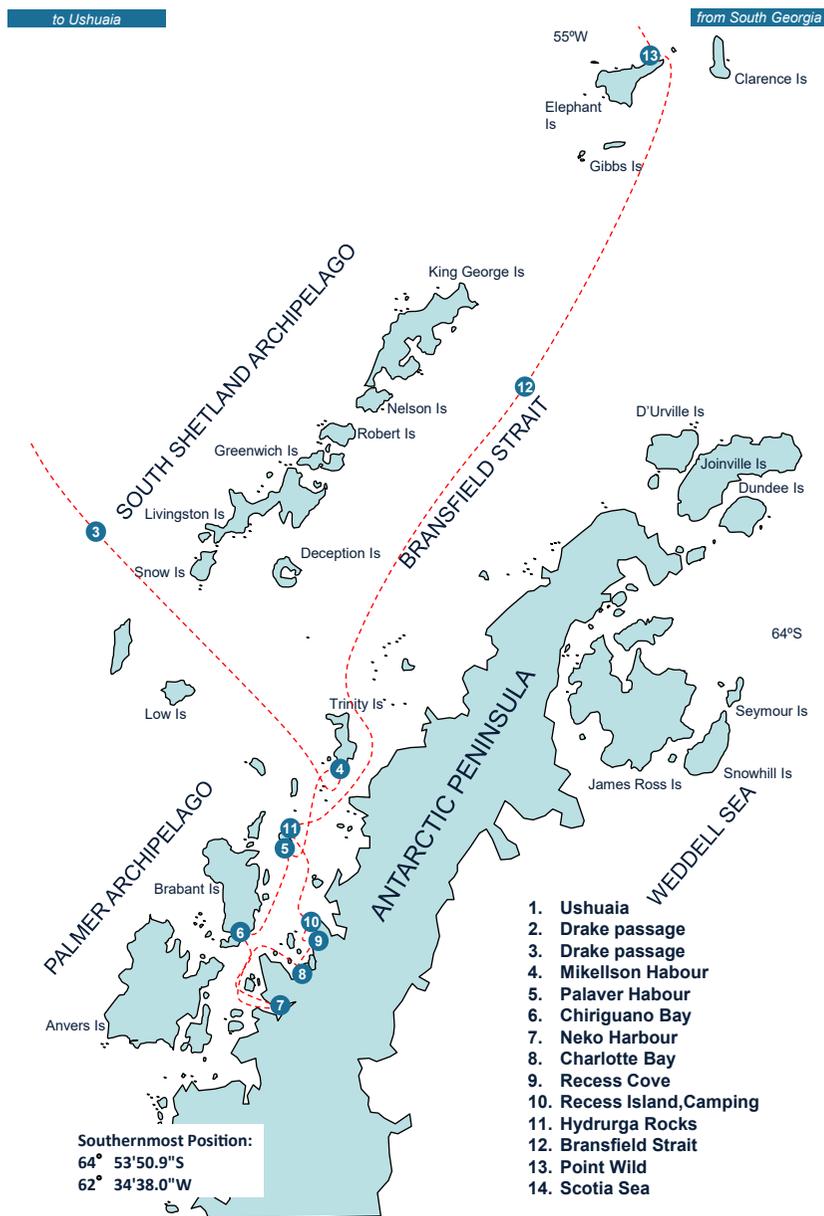
5th January 2025, PM: West Point Island 6.8 km

What an exciting scenic last paddle we had, to round off this incredible kayak trip. We launched close to the shoreline of West Point Island, where we paddled southwards. It was a very interesting experience for most of us to see the tidal action in the channel,

and how we could paddle against it on the outside of the eddy line, making our way along the shoreline, with beautiful rocks and nesting cormorants. We did a ferry glide as a group across the channel to make our way southeast, and explore a new coastline our guides had spotted on Google Maps. This turned out to be absolutely incredible: a steep, rocky coastline, channels, and big caves where the whole kayak team easily fitted in, and rock faces covered with nesting black-browed albatrosses. What an experience!



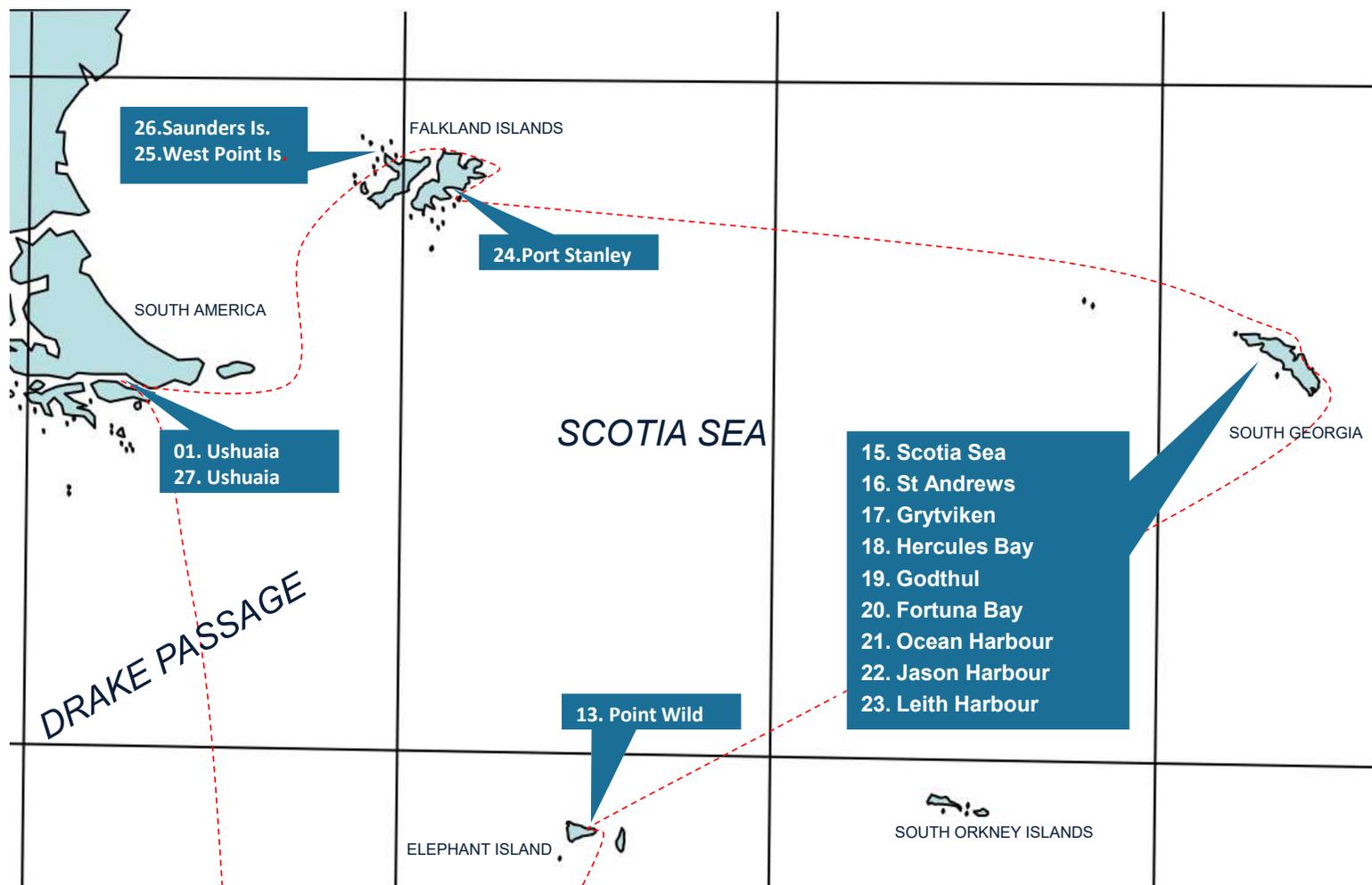
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Nigel Hayward

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David Huber

Louise Hunt

Gwilym Hunt

Helen Hunt

Mark Hunt

Mark Hutton

Gaynor Hutton

Roslyn Johannesen

Andrew Kennard

Adrian Knox

Jennifer Knox

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Yi Liu

Yue Liu

Ruijun Ma

Patricia McCauley

Sasha Miles

Tristan Miles

Leigh Miles

Sandra Miles

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Hayley Peacock-Gower

Michelle Perrin

Craig Reeson

Thomas Risse

Graham Robertson

Libby Roy

Sabine Ruf

Malcolm Scarr

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Richard Schmidt

Mudit Singh

Rebecca Smith

Terry Smith

Leanne Stanford

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